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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and VP Trains

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Date in April	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
17	18 boxcars and 31 flatcars	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Wolmirstedt
	16 boxcars and 30 flatcars	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Wolmirstedt
	14 boxcars and 34 flatcars	Wildpark	Altengrabow
	12 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Potsdam	Altengrabow
	106 axles	Potsdam	Altengrabow
	94 axles	Wildpark	Altengrabow
	96 axles	Wildpark	Altengrabow
22	30 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Magdeburg	Neuruppin

2. The following trains were loaded at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station and dispatched to Lieberose between 15 and 18 April:

Date in April	Composition of Troop Trains
15	10 boxcars with soldiers, 12 boxcars with ammunition and equipment, and

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20 flatcars with 8 x 57-mm AT guns; 1 sedan; 1 ambulance;
12 trucks; and 15 motorcycles

- 16 6 boxcars with soldiers and
10 flatcars with 10 JS-I tanks; armored scout car No 20;
1 sedan; trucks [redacted]
3 motorcycles

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6 boxcars with soldiers and
about 9 flatcars with 10 JS-I tanks; 6 armored scout cars,
including [redacted] 1 sedan; 2 trucks, including
[redacted] and 10 motorcycles

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- 17 6 boxcars with soldiers and [redacted]
13 flatcars with 10 tanks, [redacted]
and 7 trucks [redacted]

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undetermined number of flatcars with
10 tanks, [redacted] 1 sedan;
1 jeep; and 10 trucks [redacted]

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6 boxcars with soldiers and
21 flatcars with 10 JS-I tanks; and 20 trucks

6 boxcars with soldiers and
16 flatcars with armored scout car No 30; 1 sedan;
1 ambulance; and 37 trucks, [redacted]
[redacted]

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- 18 9 boxcars with soldiers,
14 boxcars with ammunition and equipment, and
an undetermined number of flatcars with 3 x 57-mm AT guns;
and 5 x 122-mm howitzers

3. On 16 April, a VP train of 19 boxcars and 20 flatcars from Cottbus was
unloaded at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. About 35 trucks and
15 x 82-mm mortars were seen. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] by order of the Soviet transportation
control headquarters, 30 troop trains totalling 180 converted boxcars,
120 boxcars and 550 flatcars were to be made available by the Halle
regional railroad district headquarters on 12 and 13 April. On 23 April,
additional 12 trains were ordered to be made available by the end of
April. The assembling stations included: Grimma, Rosslau, Leipzig, Halle,
Merseburg, Falkenberg, Altenburg and Porna, while the trains were to be
unloaded at Gotha, Weimar, Ohrdruf, Eisenach, Gera, Saalfeld and Altengrabow.

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5. [redacted] 116 troop trains from the Berlin and
Magdeburg railroad district were expected to arrive at the Halle railroad
district between 12 and 30 April.⁵

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1. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains carried components of the 10th Gds Tank
Div to Letzling Heath. [redacted]
[redacted] Troop Trains of the 10th Gds Tank Div previously

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observed included: 6 trains with [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] from Brandenburg; and 18 trains [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] from Satz Korn. The troop trains [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] have apparently not been covered. [redacted] 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The trains belong to a total of about 12 troop trains of
 the 34th Arty Div [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] The troop trains
 [redacted] have not been covered. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The troop train belongs to the 12th Gds Tank Div.
 [redacted]

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] these troop trains belong
 to the 7th Gds Mecz Div. They went to Lieberose. [redacted] 25X1

5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] between 13 and 18 April 1953,
 about 11 troop trains of the 21st Gds Mecz Div went to Lossa. See
 [redacted]. Thirty trains alone would be needed by this division.
 The following loading and receiving stations are indicative of movements
 previously observed:

Grimma, Leipzig and Borna. The 8th Gds Mecz Div to Koenigsbrueck.

Rosslau. The 7th Gds Tank Div to Letzling Heath.

Merseburg and Eisenach. The 76th Arty Brig (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle
 Corps probably to Kindel.

Falkenberg. Undetermined.

Gotha and Weimar. Units of the Eighth Gds Army to Ohrdruf.

The following stations indicate that movements are to be expected:
 to Gera from Glauchau which is said to be evacuated and occupied by KVP;
 to Saalfeld and Altengradow by the 316th RL Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds
 Mtz Rifle Corps; and probably to Ohrdruf by artillery brigades of the
 Eighth Gds Army from Altenburg.

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